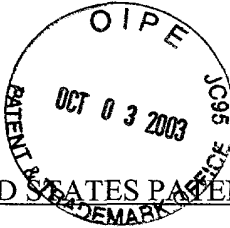


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ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC TONER,
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE
EXTERNAL ADDITIVE,
ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC TONER
USING THE EXTERNAL ADDITIVE,
AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
USING THE ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Basis for the Amendments begins on page of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.